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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

CONSTANCE J. CARROLL, RN,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY

On July 20, 1999, the Board of Nursing issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, respondent's license to practice as a registered nurse in Wisconsin was suspended for at least two years, with provision for successive three-month stays of the suspension conditioned upon compliance with certain conditions and limitations on the license. Among these were that respondent participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, that she participate in psychotherapy a minimum of once each week, and that she participate in program of random witnessed monitoring for controlled substances and alcohol in her blood or urine on a frequency of not less than once per month.

By letter dated October 16, 1999, respondent requested that the suspension of her license be stayed for an additional period of three months; and requested as well that breathalyzer tests be substituted for urine, blood, or hair specimens; and that the random screening requirements be modified to permit her to receive random screens exclusively at her place of employment when she is out of jail on Huber privileges. By its Order dated January 13, 2000, the board granted Ms. Carroll's requests.

On May 19, 2000, the board considered Ms. Carroll's requests that the stay be renewed and that the number of required screens be reduced to one every two weeks. Based upon respondent's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Constance Carroll, RN, is hereby stayed for an additional period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the request that the number of required urine screens be reduced to one every two weeks is denied.

DISCUSSION

Ms. Carroll has been subject to the disciplinary Order in this case for less than one year; too short a period to reduce the number of drug screens to a level consistent with a much longer period of recovery.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2000.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

BOARD OF NURSING

by _____

Ann Brewer, RN

Chair